

SOVEREIGN GRACE CHURCH

October 2nd, 2016

“Lead me in THY truth, and
teach me: for THOU art the
GOD of my salvation; on
THEE do I wait all the day.”

PSALM 25:5

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Schedule of Services

Sunday School	10:00 am
Sunday Worship	11:00 am
Wednesday Worship	7:00 pm

Nursery

Nursery available for 4 years old and younger

Happy Birthday!

Colin Jr Young - 9th, Isaiah Gibbs - 10th

**This evening's featured podcast speaker will be our PASTOR
COLOSSIANS 1:20 — PEACE THROUGH HIS BLOOD**

To find our podcast search for the keyword **PurposedGrace** on
 Apple's **Podcast App** or  Google's **Play Music App**

***Our featured sermon is made available every Sunday at 6:00 PM**

***** SPECIAL MEETINGS *** We're All Invited!**

LINCOLN WOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

FRI, OCTOBER 7TH @ 7:30 PM, SAT, OCTOBER 8TH @ 6:30 PM

PASTOR DAVID PLEDGER & PASTOR TOM HARDING

SOUND DOCTRINE

“...THE TIME WILL COME WHEN THEY WILL NOT ENDURE SOUND DOCTRINE;
BUT AFTER THEIR OWN LUSTS SHALL THEY HEAP TO THEMSELVES TEACHERS,
HAVING ITCHING EARS;” (2 TIMOTHY 4:3)

There are but two schemes of religion in this world. One is true the other is false. One is saving the other is damning. These two schemes of religion are free grace and free will. Free grace declares that salvation is the work of GOD alone (*JONAH 2:9*). Free will declares that salvation is, at least in part, the work of man. Free grace declares that salvation is conditioned upon the obedience of CHRIST alone as the sinner's Substitute (*2 CORINTHIANS 5:21*). Free will declares that salvation is ultimately and finally conditioned upon the obedience of the sinner

himself. Any doctrine that makes salvation, eternal life, acceptance with GOD, and the reward of the heavenly inheritance to be dependent upon, or determined by you, at any point or in any measure, is contrary to sound doctrine and must be rejected. To receive, believe, or embrace such doctrine will be damning to your soul (1 JOHN 5:10-12).

Here are five points of Divine truth revealed in Holy Scripture. Anything that is contrary to, or in any measure diminishes these five points of sound doctrine must be rejected as heresy (GALATIANS 1:6-9).

I) **TOTAL DEPRAVITY** — All men by nature are both totally sinful and completely helpless, because all are spiritually dead in sin; in Adam all died (MATTHEW 15:19; ROMANS 5:12; EPHESIANS 2:1-4).

II) **UNCONDITIONAL ELECTION** — GOD, from eternity, chose a people in CHRIST whom He determined to save, without consideration of anything in them or anything that might be done by them (2 THESSALONIANS 2:13; EPHESIANS 1:3-6).

III) **LIMITED ATONEMENT** — CHRIST died for and redeemed His elect only. The benefits of CHRIST's death are limited to the elect. And His death effectually secures and accomplished their salvation (ISAIAH 53:8-11; JOHN 10:11, 15; HEBREWS 9:12).

IV) **IRRESISTIBLE GRACE** — GOD the HOLY SPIRIT calls sinners from spiritual death to spiritual life in CHRIST by the power of His grace which cannot be successfully resisted (PSALM 65:4; 110:3; JOHN 6:63; EPHESIANS 2:8-9).

V) **PERSEVERANCE OF THE SAINTS** – Every sinner chosen by GOD in election, redeemed by CHRIST at Calvary, and called by the SPIRIT in grace shall persevere in grace unto eternal glory, because they are all preserved and kept by grace (JOHN 10:27-30; JEREMIAH 32:38-40; 1 PETER 1:5).

Salvation is all of grace! We were chosen by His grace (ROMANS 11:5). We are justified by his grace (ROMANS 3:24). We are saved by his grace (EPHESIANS 2:8-9). We are called by his grace (GALATIANS 1:15). We are glorified by his grace (EPHESIANS 2:7). From election to glorification, salvation is all of GRACE (ROMANS 8:28-39).

PASTOR **TOM HARDING**

KEPT BY THE POWER OF GOD

“...KEPT BY THE POWER OF GOD THROUGH FAITH UNTO SALVATION READY TO BE REVEAIED IN THE LAST TIME.” (1 PETER 1:4-5)

Every child of GOD loves that little word, “*kept*.” We rejoice to know that we are not kept by the work of *our hands* or the power of *our will*, but by *the power of GOD*. What comfort we find in knowing that it is GOD ALMIGHTY who keeps us through preserving grace. The child of GOD has been made to know that they cannot “*keep*” themselves for they are but dumb sheep who are prone to wander. GOD gives us an incorruptible inheritance, one which is undefiled, that fades not away and is reserved (kept) in heaven FOR YOU, who are *kept* by the power of GOD through faith. Our inheritance is kept for us and we are kept for our inheritance. This double keeping makes our inheritance doubly sure. Why? Because both are *KEPT* by the power of an OMNIPOTENT GOD who works all things after the counsel of HIS own will. GOD saves us on purpose, HE keeps us on purpose, and none can change alter or prevent HIS purpose from always being accomplished. When GOD keeps us, we are KEPT!

PASTOR **DAVID EDDMONSON**

THE GOD OF MY SALVATION

“...I WILL WAIT FOR THE GOD OF MY SALVATION” (MICAH 7:7)

What a blessed instruction this is, for those who, by GOD’s undeserved grace, find themselves looking to CHRIST alone to save them.

Looking to CHRIST, GOD’s people don’t fret. Looking to CHRIST, GOD’s people don’t feel anxious about their salvation, rather they wait for the GOD of their salvation to save them. What blessed comfort and rest is found here in this portion — beloved “*wait for the God of your salvation.*”

Friend, GOD’s word doesn’t read “*wait for GOD to do His part and He will wait for you to do yours and then you’ll be saved!*” Rather, very blessedly GOD’s word commands a hopeless sinner like you, and a hopeless sinner like me to wait on CHRIST, the God of our Salvation to be saved. (EPHESIANS 1:13-14).

What do I mean by hopeless? By hopeless I mean if my salvation depended on me in the slightest — I would have no hope! But blessed be the Lord — Salvation is of Him. He has shown me He is a savior that *shall save* — so “*I wait for the God of my salvation*” to save me. Friend, wait, indeed, believe on the LORD JESUS CHRIST, and thou shalt be saved, by the GOD of my salvation. (ACTS 16:31)

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